



**JUL 12 2005**

The Honorable Anthony Williams  
Mayor of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mayor Williams:

It is with pleasure that I respond to the District of Columbia's request for waivers of statutory and regulatory requirements under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). This action is taken under the Secretary's authority to waive certain requirements of WIA Title I, subtitles B and E and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act. In the Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the two-year period, July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007, the District submitted four waiver requests. The District withdrew the following two requests on June 30, 2005: 1) waiver to allow Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) and Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) Program staff to serve all one-stop customers; and 2) waiver of the expenditure requirement for out-of-school youth. The requests are written in the format identified in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c), and appear to meet the standard for approval at 20 CFR 661.420(e). The following is the disposition of the state's waiver submission (copy enclosed).

Requested Waiver 1: Waiver to transfer up to 100 percent of funds between the Adult and Dislocated Worker funding streams.

This District's waiver request for funds transferability is one of the improvements that the Administration is seeking in the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act—the consolidation of the WIA Adult, WIA Dislocated Worker and Wagner-Peyser Act (Employment Service) funding streams. Accordingly, the District of Columbia is granted a waiver of the funds transfer limitation at WIA Section 133(b)(4), through June 30, 2007. The waiver allows the District to transfer up to 100 percent of local area allocations between the WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs.

Requested Waiver 2: Extension of a waiver of the time limit on the period of initial eligibility at 20 CFR 663.530.

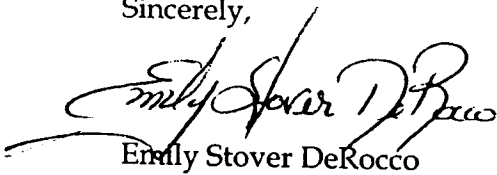
The state indicates that an extension of the waiver for training providers is requested to address the continuing difficulties in the collection of "all student" information from training providers. Without an extension, the state indicates that many training providers are likely to opt out of the Eligible Training Provider system, thus limiting customer choice. Accordingly, the District of Columbia is granted an extension of the waiver through June 30, 2007.

The request to allow more flexibility for dedicated Veterans staff, and the request to waive the expenditure requirement for out-of-school youth, in order to serve more disadvantaged in-school youth, were withdrawn. Our Philadelphia Regional Office contacted Mr. Daryl Hardy, Executive Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development, District of Columbia Department of Employment Services, on June 24, 2005, and June 30, 2005, to gain clarification on these requests. Mr. Hardy stated that the waivers were not needed, and indicated that the District was withdrawing the two requests.

As provided for under paragraph 3 of the executed Agreement, the approved waivers are incorporated by reference into the state's WIA Grant Agreement. A copy of this letter should be filed with the state's WIA Grant Agreement and the state's Strategic Plan, as appropriate.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and achieving better workforce investment outcomes. We are prepared to entertain other state and local level waiver requests that you may wish to submit, consistent with the provisions of the WIA statute and regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Stover DeRocco", is written over a horizontal line.

Emily Stover DeRocco

Enclosure